

REMARKS

Claims 1-48 are pending in this application. Attached hereto is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with their current status listed parenthetically. By this Response, claims 39-41 have been cancelled without prejudice to later prosecution in a continuation application.

Allowed claims

At the outset, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-38 and 42-48 are allowed, and that claims 40-41 contain patentable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has cancelled claims 39-41 (without prejudice to later prosecution in a continuation application) and presents new claim 49, which comprises claims 39-41. Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 49 is in condition for allowance.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Pending claim 39 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,275,522 ("Johnson"). Claim 39 has been cancelled by Applicant, making this rejection moot.

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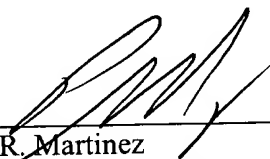
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Conclusion

Applicant believes that this Response has addressed all items in the Office Action and now places the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-38 and 42-49 at an early date is solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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